

Application No.: 10/823853

Case No.: 54769US009

REMARKS

§ 102 Rejections

Claims 10-12 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Pub. No. 08-273537.

Claims 10-12 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Chiu et al. (US Pat. No. 6247986).

The Examiner has alleged that the claim is directed solely to a mold. The Examiner has further alleged that the "the rib precursor is not germane to the determination of patentability of the claimed mold assembly apparatus."

The Applicant submits that independent Claim 10 is not directed to a mold apparatus, but rather to an intermediate assembly formed during the method of making barrier ribs. The ordinary dictionary meaning of the term assembly means "The state of being assembled." After the mold has been contacted with the rib precursor, yet prior to removal of the mold, the claimed intermediate assembly includes the mold apparatus in combination with the rib precursor.

The method alone was found to be patentable based on the difference between the absorption edges of the photoinitiator of mold in comparison to the photoinitiator of the rib precursor. Note that the parent case has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6843952. Since the method was patentable, than an intermediate article of the method having the same distinguishing features of the method is also patentable. Reconsideration and a timely allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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